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Al-Qadhdhafi 'Greatly Angered' by Attack on Kurds
LD181711 Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic 1600 GMT
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[Text] The brother leader of the revolution has sent a message to the president and prime minister of Turkey. Here is the text:

The operation carried out by the Turkish Air Force to pursue and kill Kurds inside the territory of Iraq is not acceptable to us, and all the people of the world denounce and reject it because it constitutes a form of annihilation. The operation has also resulted in the destruction of the Kurds' homes and villages, and the death of their women and children, like the annihilation of the Arab and the African peoples being carried out by Zionism and the racist ruling regime in South Africa.

The Kurds are members of the Pan-Arab Command for the Revolutionary Forces on the one hand, and on the other they constitute a nation that should be respected and that has a right to unity and independence. It is a sister nation to the Turkish nation, the Arab nation, and the Iranian nation, and the denial of its national freedom deprives us of the right to defend our pan-Arabism, and the denial of its freedom denies us the right to defend our freedom. I was greatly angered by this action which I hope will not be repeated.

However, if it were a case of ordinary crimes committed by ordinary individuals, it is unreasonable that the response should be thus. I regret that the Turkish Government has become involved in a conspiracy hatched by the Iraqi Government in order to maltreat [ar tankil] our Kurdish brothers. This is a shameful and unprecedented collusion with the Iraqi Government.

Mauritanian President's Envoy Departs 16 Aug
LD161546 Tripoli JANA in English 1409 GMT 16 Aug 86

[Text] Tripoli, Shahr Hannibal 16, *Jamahiriyah News Agency* — Hamdi Ould Meknas, the former Mauritanian foreign minister and personal envoy of the Mauritanian president, left Tripoli yesterday after several days visit to Great Jamahiriyah.

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Hassan Message to Arab Rulers on 'Id al-Adha
LD161602 Rabat Domestic Service in Arabic 1200 GMT
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[Excerpts] The Moroccan people today celebrate 'Id al-Adha. On this occasion, the leader of the faithful, His Majesty King Hassan II, led the 'Id prayers at the Ahl Fes Mosque in Rabat today. [passage omitted]

The prince of the faithful, His Majesty King Hassan II, has sent congratulatory messages to his brothers the kings, presidents, and amirs of Muslim countries on the 'Id al-Adha, con-

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gratulating them and their fraternal peoples, wishing them on his own behalf and on behalf of the Moroccan Government and people the best and sincerest wishes, and asking Almighty God to always grant them good health, success, and satisfaction in serving their fraternal peoples and the Muslim nation.

His majesty says in his messages: As we celebrate this sacred and spiritual occasion we sorrowfully and painfully note the state of Muslims throughout the world, a state of weakness, divisions, fragmentation, disarray, and wars that have exhausted them the weakened their position. All of that has happened because we have deviated from the teachings of our religion and the guidance of our Prophet. We hope that the pilgrimage — when Muslims from all parts of the world gather — will be another opportunity to remember the traits of the Prophet and draw inspiration from his traditions, his wise behavior, and his sound policies so that we reaffirm our determination, arm ourselves with faith, reason, and a strong will, and pledge to Almighty God to work in solidarity until we achieve the Muslim nation's aspirations for strength, dignity, prosperity, and progress.

We ask Almighty God to strengthen our determination with resilience and faith, bestow love, harmony, assurance, security, and peace upon our Muslim nation and to help us to liberate our land foremost among which is Jerusalem, the first Qiblah and site of the third holiest mosque. His majesty expressed the wish that his brothers, their majesties and excellencies the kings, presidents, and amirs will accept his sentiments of appreciation and fraternal esteem.

SUDAN

Red Cross Suspends Mercy Flights in South
LD181254 Kuwait KUNA in English 1220 GMT 18 Aug 86

[Text] Geneva, Aug 18 (KUNA) — The International of the Red Cross Committee has suspended mercy flights in southern Sudan, a spokesman for the Swiss humanitarian agency said Monday.

In particular, an airlift of emergency food supplies for the town of Waw had been stopped, after only one day of operation.

The (?spokesman) said that the decision to stop the flights had been taken on Friday, before the shooting down of the Sudan Air Fokker friendship plane. The Red Cross cited "the state of insecurity in the region" as the reason for the cancellation.

In the short time that the airlift had been operating the ICRC had managed to bring in 44 tonnes of maize from Uganda to feed the townspeople and thousands of displaced people in the area.

Air Strike Protests News Black-Out; Fighting in South
LD181842 Khartoum SUNA in English 1736 GMT
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[Text] Khartoum, Aug. 18 (SUNA) — Workers at Sudan Airways continue their declared strike protesting against, what they

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called, the government black-out on the incident of the Sudanair Fokker liner which was shot down last Saturday [16 August] over the southern Sudan.

The strike began yesterday and will continue till next Wednesday [20 August]. 14 domestic air trips and 11 abroad trips were cancelled due to the Sudan airways workers strike. Egyptian, Libyan, Yemeni, and Soviet aviation companies were also affected by this strike.

Cabinet affairs minister has described the strike as illegal.

On the other developments of the downed aircraft, the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) Radio confessed their troops had downed the plane. The radio has warned of shooting down any planes flying over the south. It further ordered Malakal citizens to evacuate the town.

The plane was shot down by outlawed forces of John Garang last Saturday 7 kms north of Malakal airport killing all its 60 passengers in addition to its crew.

On the other hand, a spokesman at the Armed Forces Malakal leadership announced that the Armed Forces are exerting intensive efforts to reach the area of the incident despite natural impediments.

The government troops have clashed with the outlaws in Zahat [name as received] area near Malakal, the military spokesman said. The outlawed force was completely annihilated and huge quantity of weapons and ammunitions was captured, he added.

One armed forces was killed and other 5 were injured, he said adding that a great number of injured outlaws were captured. [sentence as received]

'No Foreigner' Among Passengers on Downed Aircraft
LD181949 Omdurman Domestic Service in Arabic 1800 GMT 18 Aug 86

[Text] The general manager of the civil aviation corporation has announced that all the passengers on the Fokker aircraft involved in a sad accident last Saturday [16 August] after leaving Malakal airport were Sudanese citizens and there was no foreigner among them. May God shower them with His mercy and give solace to their families.

SPLA Official Comments on Downing of Airliner
LD181432 Paris International Service in French 1245 GMT 18 Aug 86

[Text] At the beginning of this news bulletin we spoke about southern Sudan where a Sudanese airliner was shot down on Saturday by SPLA rebels. Reporter Nora Polluce was able to contact one of the representatives of the rebels, Major Arok Thuon Arok, and he confirmed the attack on the plane, thus

claiming responsibility for this act of war on a civilian plane, an act which caused 60 victims. I will let you listen to him; the interview is in English:

[Begin recording in English with superimposed French translation] We had the information that the relief was being abused by the Sudanese Government and that all the supplies from the relief agencies were being given to the Army and not to the victims. So we felt that it is the Army which was benefiting in order to launch an offensive against our positions. So we gave the warning that no aircraft should fly over the contested zone: It is the SPLA who is responsible and we did it after having warned the Sudanese Government not to permit their planes to fly over that contested zone. [end recording]

That was Major Arok Thuon Arok, one of the representatives of the SPLA rebels who was at the Addis Ababa negotiations as a member of John Garang de Mabior's delegation opposite Sudanese Prime Minister al-Sadiq al-Mahdi.

SPLA Radio Broadcasts Congratulations
EA181413 (Clandestine) Radio of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army in English 1300 GMT 18 Aug 86

[Excerpt] The chairman and the commander in chief of SPLM/SPLA, Colonel Dr John Garang de Mabior, has received a warm message of congratulations from Major Arok Thuon Arok, member of SPLM/SPLA Political-Military High Command and deputy chief of staff for administration and logistics. The message reads:

Comrade chairman and commander in chief of SPLM/SPLA, please accept my sincere and revolutionary congratulations to you on the shooting down of the enemy plane in Malakal town on the 16th of August 1986 by the gallant SPLA forces of Fashoda Battalion under combat command of Comrade Captain (Oyai) Deng Ajak.

Incidentally, this plane was brought down a day after the SPLM/SPLA gave stern, explicit, and unequivocal warning to the Khartoum government and foreign relief agencies not to fly to war zone 1, being a contested zone, and orders to all SPLA fighting units to bring down any plane, civilian or military, that passes over the SPLA-controlled airspace.

Indeed, the prompt action taken by Fashoda Battalion does not only manifest the level of compliance on the part of SPLA forces, but clearly demonstrates the degree of vigilance by the SPLA combatants.

Fashoda Battalion has done a piece of an excellent job which deserves appreciation and praise, and I must take this chance to extend my deep and heartfelt congratulations to all the SPLA forces presently engaged in operations, and especially to the commander officers, NCOs and men of Fashoda Battalion who conducted this heroic historic and successful operation.

The death of the innocent citizens in the plane rests squarely on the shoulders of the Khartoum government, which turned deaf